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Dear Mr. Lesar:

You appealed from the denial of your request for a waiver of reproduction fees assessed your client, Mr. Harold Weisberg, in connection with his request for records pertaining to the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Deputy Attorney General Flaherty has asked me to act for him on this appeal.

The investigation of the assassination of Dr. King is a matter of great public interest and historical importance. Director Kelley acknowledged this fact very early in the processing of these records, when he decided to place all releasable materials in a public reading room, thereby making them available for public inspection at no cost. Mr. Weisberg chose, however, to request personal copies of these materials and, as a result, was charged the standard reproduction fee of $.10 per copy. I am aware, on the other hand, of your client's extensive study of and long-standing interest in the assassination of Dr. King. After careful consideration of this matter, I have determined that a partial fee waiver is appropriate.

Your client will be charged reproduction fees for this material at the rate of only $.06 per page. This decision of mine is both prospective and retroactive, in that it applies to all Bureau records pertaining to the investigation of the King assassination that have been or may hereafter be released to him. To whatever extent that this will require a refund of fees already paid, the matter will be handled directly by the F.B.I.

Sincerely,

Peter F. Flaherty
Deputy Attorney General

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